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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

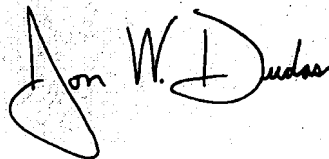
Column 3, line 15, after "Hf," insert -- nitrided --.

Column 3, line 16, delete "low-nitrided doped" and insert therefore -- low-doped --.

Column 6, line 9, delete "metal-silicide silicide" and insert therefore -- metal-silicide --.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized, with a large, looped "J" and a distinct "D".

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